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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Arrowsmith et al.
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For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR POLICY-BASED ALARM
NOTIFICATION IN A DISTRIBUTED NETWORK MANAGEMENT
ENVIRONMENT
Examiner: D. Pope
Art Unit: 2608

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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20231

RESPONSE TO EXAMINER'S ACTION

Responsive to the examiner's action mailed September 30, 1996, to which response is due March 31, 1997, a petition and fee for a three-month extension of time being submitted herewith, please amend the above application as follows:

In The Claims

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (amended) A method of alarm notification comprising the steps of:

- (a) receiving alarms from multiple network management servers;
- (b) assigning policy-based filters to associated network management applications; and
- (c) applying the assigned policy-based filters to the alarms and for the alarms which pass the filters, generating an alarm notification and forwarding the same to the associated network management applications:
wherein each filter comprises at least one filter parameter, and the applying step comprises performing a logical AND of all parameters within one filter and performing a logical OR between all filters within one policy.